Opening of new branches of nationalised banks in Bihar

2413. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks functioning in Bihar at present, bank-wise; and

(b) what is the number of new brauches likely to be opened during the remaining period of the current financial year in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) As at the end of February 1985, there were 2058 offices of Public Sector Banks functioning in Bihar. In addition, these banks were also holding licences/authorisations for opening 297 new offices in the State. Bankwise details are given below:—

Name of Bank	Number of Offices	Number of licences/ authorisations pending
State Bank of India	657	70
Associate Banks of State Bank of India	4	—
Nationalised Banks		
Allahabad Bank	141	14
Andhra Bank	2	—
Bank of Baroda	42	8
Bank of Maharashtra	1	—
Bank of India	240	20
Canara Bank	61	21
Central Bank of India	263	77
Corporation Bank	1	—
Dena Bank	7	—
Indian Bank	12	9
Indian Overseas Bank	11	1
New Bank of India	5	4
Oriental Bank of Commerce	2	—
Punjab National Bank	273	32
Punjab & Sind Bank	10	—

Name of Bank	Number of Offices	Number of licences/ authorisations pending
Syndicate Bank	10	11
Union Bank of India	54	2
United Bank of India	78	13
United Commercial Bank	177	15
Vijaya Bank	7	..
Total—Nationalised Banks . .	1397	227

The banks have been allowed time upto 30-9-1985 for opening branches against pending licences/authorisations. The question of opening more bank branches in Bihar during the Current Financial Year will be considered by Reserve Bank of India in the light of the Branch Licensing Policy for the Seventh Five Year Plan Period which is being finalised.

Seizure of gold and hashish

2414. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of seizures of gold and hashish effected by the Customs authorities so far during the current year at Delhi, Bombay and other places;

(b) what is the value of the items seized; and

(c) what action has been taken against the persons apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The value of major items of smuggled goods seized during the year 1985 (upto June), at Bombay, Delhi and all other places, is given below:—

Collectorate	Gold	Wrist Watches	Synthetic Fabrics & Yarn	Dangerous drugs including hashish	(Value : Rs. in crores) Currency	Others	Total
Bombay . .	16·64	1·56	5·68	1·79	1·61	9·30	36·58
Delhi . .	2·43	0·09	0·17	3·03	0·31	0·92	6·95
All other places	9·38	2·13	3·59	1·34	1·53	24·16	42·13

(Figures are provisional)

(c) Stringent action is taken against persons apprehended for smuggling offences both departmentally as well as through prosecution in courts. In appropriate cases, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to.

Production of standard cloth

2415. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instruction to the textile mills to the